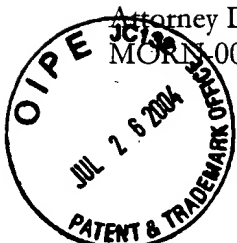


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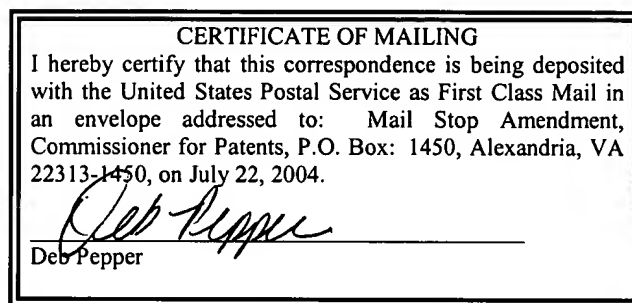
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RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 28, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for responding expiring April 28, 2004, and extended for three months by petition included herewith until July 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

I. **Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 1, 3, and 10 – 11 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,572,908. Applicants have enclosed a terminal disclaimer which provides that any patent issuing from the